BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 95-862-C - ORDER NO. 96-43 N

JANUARY 15, 1996

IN RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

DBA Southern Bell Telephone and
Telegraph Company - Investigation
of Level of Earnings.

ORDER

APPROVING
TARIFFS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the submission of tariffs filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth or the Company) in compliance with Order No. 95-1757. In Order No. 95-1757, the Commission ordered the Company to reduce rates on a going forward basis in the amount of \$42,262,763, and set out various methodologies to accomplish this end. BellSouth has now submitted tariffs in compliance with this Order and asks that the Commission approve them. The Commission has examined said tariffs and finds them to be consistent with the provisions of Order No. 95-1757. The tariffs are hereby approved. The tariffs reducing existing local rates are approved, subject to the comment period discussed in Order No. 95-1757. At the end of that period, the Commission reserves the right to modify this Order with regard to reducing existing local rates, if appropriate.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Rudyl Mitelell
Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)